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Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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Notice of Final Decision

Reclamation Permit No. # 0273

Enexco International Inc.

Contact Copper Exploration Project

The Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (NDEP) has decided to issue Reclamation Permit, No. 0273, for a Mining Project to Enexco International Inc. This permit authorizes Enexco International Inc. to reclaim the Contact Exploration Project. This Project is located in Elko County, Nevada. The Division has been provided with an application, in accordance with Nevada Revised Statute (NRS) and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 519A to assure the Division that Enexco International Inc, will leave the project site safe, stable, and capable of providing for a productive post-mining land use.

This permit will become final November 4th, 2007. The final determination of the Administrator may be appealed to the State Environmental Commission pursuant to NAC 519A.415. The appeal must be filed by November 3rd, 2007, and in accordance with Administrative rules of the Environmental Commission.

There were three comment letters received during the public comment period from Great Basin Mine Watch, Nevada Department of Wildlife, and Nevada Division of Water Resources.

Great Basin Mine Watch Comment #1 Great Basin Mine Watch is concerned that the Contact area has already been impacted by mining, so we urge you to be mindful of the potential for increased insults upon the land and watershed.especially in the case where copper mining there may already be contamination draining into the water system.

Great Basin Mine Watch Comment #3 Great Basin Mine Watch also suggests that you and the project consult with the local tribal governments to determine the extent of the indigenous culture sites that may be impacted by the exploration

Great Basin Mine Watch Comment #4 Use of toxic and hazardous materials that may require clean-up should be assessed as well.

NDEP Response: These three comments are outside of the purview of the 519A reclamation regulations.

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Great Basin Mine Watch Comment #2 Since there are new roads proposed for this exploration, we expect that you will require measures to minimize soil erosion and sediment runoff in the nearby watershed.

NDEP Response: Upon inspection of the drilling sites, the company contains all of the inert drilling fluids using duplicate staged sumps and re-circulates the fluids for re-use in the drilling process. Best management practices are required on site as a condition of the permit to facilitate a stable condition consistent with the establishment of a productive post mining use of the land and the abandonment of a facility.

Nevada Department of Wildlife comment letter:

Comment #1 Recent survey efforts just south of the proposed activity have documented bats using the workings as roosts during the summer months. We would recommend any reclamation activity that could impact historic workings be coordinated through our agency to ensure these resources are not impacted.

Comment #2 Efforts to salvage as much topsoil should be encouraged. Having topsoil on the reclamation site greatly enhances the opportunity for re-vegetation success.

NDEP Response: Comments noted.

Nevada Division of Water Resources comment letter: Stated that the current operator does not have any water rights.

NDEP Response: This is outside the purview of the 519A regulations. However, Jim Lindsay from the Bureau of Land Management informed BMRR that the drilling water has been provided by a local ranch in the area.

NAC 519A.415 Appeals to commission.

1. Any person aggrieved by:
 - (a) The issuance, denial, renewal, suspension, modification, condition or revocation of a permit; or
 - (b) The issuance, modification or rescission of any other order,by the state department of conservation and natural resources may appeal to the commission.
2. Any person who requests a hearing before the commission concerning a final decision of the department pursuant to chapter 519A of NRS may do so by filing a request, within 10 days after notice of the action of the department, on form 3* with the State Environmental Commission, 901 S. Stewart St. Ste. 4001, Carson City, Nevada 89701.
3. The provisions of NAC 445B.875 to 445B.899, inclusive, apply to a hearing of the state environmental commission requested pursuant to subsection 1.
4. The commission will affirm, modify or reverse any action of the department, which is appealed to it.

*(See adopting agency for form.)

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